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For: QUICK RELEASE FOR BICYCLE AXLE )  
FASTENER WITH MULTIPLE LOCKING )  
POSITIONS )

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**AMENDMENT PRIOR TO FIRST  
OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 6 of this paper.